

WAR NEWS PEACE

An Associated Press dispatch from Berne states that Austria has made a tentative peace proposal to Russia, but exchanges between the two governments, in which Russia made known the terms that would be demanded, were without result, Swiss newspapers report today. It is officially denied that Austria-Hungary has attempted to conclude a separate peace with Servia.

THE WEATHER
Fair and continued cold tonight and Wednesday; diminishing west-
only winds.
Sun rises 7:05, sets 4:13.
Moon rises 5:38 a. m.
High tide 10:15 a. m.; 10:45 p. m.

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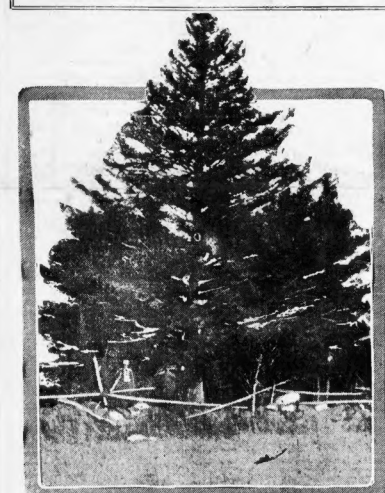
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BRITISH DRIVE TRENCHES

Many German Prisoners Reported Taken in Successful Advance

THE BOSTON AMERICAN'S BIG
CHRISTMAS TREE AS IT WILL
APPEAR ON BOSTON COMMON



Photograph taken before tree was cut down, giving some idea of the size of "the monarch from the Maine woods."

MAHON TO PUSH CARMEN'S CASE

International President Mahon of the Amalgamated Association of Street Car Employees announced today that the men found guilty of sensational charges in the affairs of the Boston Street Carmen's Union would be brought to book, no matter who they might be.

"No man is too big to break the laws of the Amalgamated Association," said President Mahon, who is one of the international officers here to direct a vigorous investigation into the charges.

The charges—which include the distribution of liquor and money in the recent election of the Boston organization of Elevated and surface line employees, the theft of a letter to the international organizer and alleged falsifying of funds—will be aired at special meetings to be attended by all the members of the big union.

The first of these meetings will be called to order at 8:30 tonight. The second session will open at 1:30 a. m. tomorrow.

The union will also act on the claim that the Elevated Company discriminated more than a score of the old men in the service, cutting their wages 75 per cent, or less.

The international officers who came to take charge of the situation were in conference at the Quincy House until early this morning, when they declared the situation was such that the investigation must probe into every corner of the local organization.

"If any of these charges are proved," declared President Mahon, "the guilty men will suffer, no matter who they are. No man is too big to be able to break the laws of the Amalgamated Association."

Monarch of the Maine Forests Being Prepared for Six-Night Open-Air Fete.

The huge Christmas tree which is to feature the AMERICAN'S celebrations on the Common has arrived and is being placed in position today. The tree is a monarch of the forests of Maine. It was felled by a special train from Stockton, Me., on a special train over the Boston & Maine Central and Boston & Maine Railroad on a special car. It was brought into the Charlestown freight yards of the Boston & Maine Central and from there to the Common by C. Brown & Co., site-movers, at No. 44 Salisbury street. It is Boston's biggest Christmas tree. The tree is more than sixty feet high and its branches have a tremendous spread. Six horses and a five-ton truck were used to transport the tree from the freight yards to the Common. It took sixteen men to lift one end of the tree.

M. J. Connolly of Commercial Wharf an expert rigger, is directing the work of erecting the tree on the Common. Ten by ten stakes are being used in the frame work of the foundation for the tree and three loads of heavy stones are being used as ballast.

"The tree is one of the largest of its kind I ever saw," Connolly declared today. "The children of Boston will go wild when they see it. When I first caught a glimpse of it I thought there were six or seven trees put together. It looks like a forest in the forest."

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800 Entombed in Japanese Mine

TOKIO, Dec. 15.—An explosion occurred today in a coal mine near Fukuroku, as a result of which 800 miners are entombed in the bowels of the earth. It is believed 800 are dead.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The following official bulletin was issued by the British War Office today:

"Fighting has commenced in Northern France. A combined attack by the Allies was made yesterday on the Hollebeke-Wyttschaete line. Several German trenches and a number of prisoners were captured. Substantial progress has been made."

JUST WARDED FROM POLLS IN SOUTH BOSTON

Municipal election today was marked by the removal of a South Boston warden in the morning hours. The warden who was taken out was John T. Havlin, who was assigned to Precinct 4 of Ward 14. He was at the precinct voting booth in West Fourth street, near Dorchester street. Later the election commissioners gave out a statement that Havlin was removed "for the good of the service."

Three members of the City Council and two members of the school board are to be elected, with the polls open until 4 p. m. this afternoon. Political Bureau on the light vote, not over 52,000 or 50,000. The cold wave made the early vote slow.

The Good Government Association was somewhat alarmed because of steady on the part of voters. The Good Government Association candidates for the City Council are Walter Halliwell and John A. Conditman, seeking reelection, and Henry J. Hagan. The latter was also approved of by the Hendricks Club of Ward 14.

The Council contest was believed by many to be between the Good Government Association candidates and Brennan, Kearns and Doyle. But from the fact that Dr. J. H. Hagan, F. Hickey and J. Frank O'Hare, all confident their men would win at the polls. There were more oratory and campaigning in the Democratic wards than in the districts where Republicans or independents were in the majority. The election today, however, was not between candidates of political parties. The Public School Association's candidates for the School Board were not interested by that organization were Dr. Frederick L. Boun and Dr. Hagan. J. Keenan. Politicians say Dr. Hagan had the support of Mayor Curley.

After being stone blind for nine years and practically sightless for thirty years before that, Frank H. Hagan, of No. 24 Summer street, 47 a. p., once a famous horse racer, can see.

When arising from his bed and groping about with his hands, he suddenly struck the bedpost. A few minutes later he could see as well as before the accident eighteen years ago, which resulted in total blindness.

Mr. Hagan considers it a miracle. But his friends think it was the blow against the bedpost that did it.

Doctors Trying to Save Moroney

Relief Hospital doctors are working hard to save the life of John A. B. Moroney, Boston attorney, who last night attempted to take his life by drinking cyanide of potassium in the detention room of the Suffolk Superior Criminal Court. Reports from the hospital say that he is resting comfortably. He is conscious, but he is under indictment for forgery of a check. He was placed in the great in Sheriff Quinn's office, where he was waiting for a friend to go on his bond that he might obtain release.

\$5,374.28.

That is the total of the AMERICAN'S Give-a-Basket Fund. Much more is needed. Get busy!

Don't forget the Big Tammany Ball in Mechanics Building, Wednesday night, instead of at Symphony Hall as previously announced. Buy your tickets now!

And don't forget the monster all-star theatrical benefit at Tremont Theatre on Thursday afternoon, December 22.

BLIND 18 YEARS, HITS POST; SEES

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FORECAST IS FOR CONTINUED COLD AND FAIR

TEMPERATURES.

12 midnight	24 above zero
1 a. m.	24 above zero
2 a. m.	24 above zero
3 a. m.	24 above zero
4 a. m.	24 above zero
5 a. m.	24 above zero
6 a. m.	24 above zero
7 a. m.	24 above zero
8 a. m.	24 above zero
9 a. m.	24 above zero
10 a. m.	24 above zero
11 a. m.	24 above zero
12 m.	24 above zero

Fair and continued cold is the weather man's prediction for Boston tonight and tomorrow. Tonight will probably be several degrees colder than last night. The cold wave covers practically the entire country, with the exception of the far South.

Irish, snapping cold, with the air clear as a bell, greeted city people and suburbanites when they started out today.

At 7 a. m. temperatures of 18 degrees above zero yielded stubbornly before the rising sun. By 10 o'clock the mercury was up only to 19 degrees.

The bracing cold had electrical effect upon Greater Boston. Nobody flinched. The quickstep was the popular gait.

The coal dealer opened shop in good season and said, "I would wonder if he made ready for busy business."

The plumber chirped: "There is no mistake. It will be a regular freeze."

"Did" took a look at the coal bin and said, "The tank with the milk was ready for the milk."

"Mother saw to it that overcoat and the side were all there. They don't need any more. They don't need any more. They don't need any more."

Merchants, stocked with cold-wave goods, smiled cheerfully.

Northern New York reports a snow storm of almost proportionate magnitude.

In New York city the thermometer dropped 25 degrees in twenty-four hours, from 47 down to 15 above zero. The cold winds that were blowing during the night were forecasted of cold, hungry and penniless men and women to charitable organizations for food.

Decide to Operate on Kaiser's Throat

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Telegraphing from Berne, Switzerland, a correspondent of the Central News says: "A telegram received here from Munich states that it has been decided to operate on Emperor Wilhelm's throat, but the operation is being deferred owing to the feverish condition of the Emperor."

Official Reports

BRITISH.
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FRENCH.
PARIS, Dec. 15.—Between the sea and the Alps the English have captured a number of prisoners and taken a number of prisoners. The ground gained yesterday by our troops along the Yser canal and in the west of Hollebeke has been held despite a vigorous counter attack by the enemy.

In the Belgian frontier to the south there is nothing to report. From the Somme to the Argonne there have been intermittent cannonades, but very violent except in the region of Croucy.

In the Argonne we have made some progress and maintained our advance of the preceding days.

In the Vosges the railroad station at St. Lomard, south of St. Die, has been violently bombarded at long range by the Germans. The station is showing great activity, except at Stenbach, where an attack by German infantry, starting from Ulmshausen, was able to capture the station.

We have maintained everywhere our former progress.

AUSTRIAN.

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The pursuit of the Hungarians in Western Galicia is being continued. It has already reached the plain of Altenthal with alternately more or less important engagements.

We are taking many prisoners and the Hungarians are losing heavily in killed and wounded as they retreat.

The recent reverses of the Austrians in Serbia are attributed to withdrawal of troops from that war in view of the situation in the West. The Austrians will be resumed in Serbia as soon as the Galician campaign is decided. Hungary has been attempting to arrange a peace with Serbia, but the operation is being deferred owing to the feverish condition of the Emperor.

ALLIES, IN GENERAL OFFENSIVE, MOVEMENT, DRIVE GERMANS BACK; RUSSIANS CHECKED IN GALICIA

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S WAR NEWS.
OFFICIAL: VIENNA—Hungarians driven back nearly fifty miles southeast of Cracow.
OFFICIAL: NISH—Hungarians taken by the Serbians. Retreating Austrians pursued.
OFFICIAL: CONSTANTINOPLE—The Sultan, in address to Parliament, puts responsibility for war upon the allies.
UNOFFICIAL: BERLIN—Heavy losses dealt to Cossack armies in Galicia. Siege of Cracow averted.
UNOFFICIAL: ALEXANDRIA—Thousands of refugees arrive from Syria. Rising threatened outrages by Turks.
UNOFFICIAL: PARIS—Big French guns being shipped in large numbers into Alsace.
UNOFFICIAL: ROME—Turkish charge d'affaires assures Italian government that the Porte will make satisfactory explanation of the Hollebeke incident.
OFFICIAL: LONDON—Allies begin offensive. Combined attack successfully made on Hollebeke-Wyttschaete line.
OFFICIAL: PARIS—British capture forest west of Wyttschaete in Flanders, used by Germans as artillery base. Progress made all along battle front.

GREAT ARTILLERY BATTLE IN ALSACE; FRENCH ADVANCING

British and French official statements today unite in claiming important gains in Northern France and Flanders as the result of a new and vigorous offensive movement by the allies against the Germans in Northern France. A combined attack by the allies was made yesterday on the Hollebeke-Wyttschaete line. Several German trenches and a number of prisoners were captured. Substantial progress has been made.

The words of the London statement are significant, in view of the fact that a general offensive campaign has been expected following the arrival of heavy British reinforcements at the front.

"Fighting has commenced in Northern France," says the British announcement. "A combined attack by the allies was made yesterday on the Hollebeke-Wyttschaete line. Several German trenches and a number of prisoners were captured. Substantial progress has been made."

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Then you have a possibility of greater profits. All you need is to let more people know of your facilities and location. Here's a suggestion.

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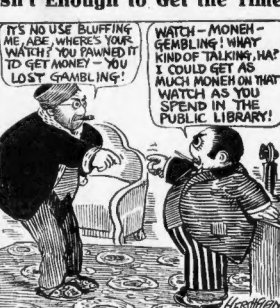
Neither Sultor Wants Too Much Bloodshed



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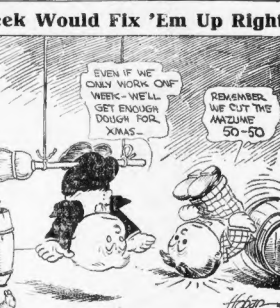
It Wasn't Enough to Get the Time



JERRY ON THE JOB

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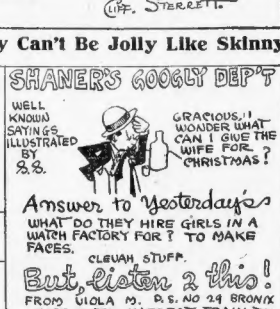
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BUT SHE'D RATHER BE A LIVE CAT THAN
A COLD STORAGE CHICKEN LIKE E. W. T.
OF THE BRONX. THAT OUGHTA STOP E. W.
DON'T YOU THINK SO?

Madam: will you take his place?



HAVE you thought you would like to be a nurse; have you tried to imagine just what is happening in Europe, on the battlefields and in the deserted cities?

Look at this picture. Men, firing, and dashing to death. A man in the trenches has fallen, shot to death. Take his place—in this way.

All of the tragedy, the pathetic, awful scenes have been taken down, and are ready to be re-enacted before your eyes.

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You may have been shown near-battles and plenty of scenery taken before or after the battles. But remember, here the camera men stood in the midst of things and dared death.

The Boston American Hearst-Selig Moving Picture History of the World's Greatest War

Don't—don't miss it! If only for your future knowledge, see this now. Look for the theatre that is showing it.

PLAYERS' FRATERNITY TERMS ARE COLDLY TURNED DOWN BY NATIONAL COMMISSION

By George McManus

WELL YOU SEE
SPIRAL STAIRS -
JUST LIKE THIS
SCREW - IT WILL
- SAVE SPACE IN
HOUSE -



SHOLD OFF

SHOLD OFF THEIR MANAGERS

connection with the club last Fall. Roger Peckenpaugh, the player, was put in as temporary manager, but it was never an official holding that he will be retained in that capacity next season whoever owns the club.

RETRENCH THE WATCHWORD.

Dan Johnson has announced that when the new manager of the Yankees is chosen, he will be a surprise. This is taken to mean that the plan to persuade Connie Mack to go to New York as manager has been abandoned.

There was some talk that Bill Cline, new manager of the Buffalo club, would be engaged. And friends of

The invasion by the Federal League last season came pretty near wreck-

John Ganzel, manager of the Rochester club, have become active in a plan to get him the New York berth.

While nearly all the International League club managers believe they will be re-engaged for the coming season, many of them fear that they will be offered a cut in salary.

"Retrench" is to be the watchword of the Internationals. They have begun by limiting the number of players a club may carry to sixteen.

Schedule of Games

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to Be Played at Arena**

Manager Lounce of the Arena announces that the following games have been booked at the Arena this Winter:

Boston Harvard vs. M. I. T., Dec. 10.
R. A. A. vs. Harvard; Dec. 22, Tech vs. Dean.
Harvard vs. Cornell, Jan. 8.
University; Dec. 26, R. A. A. vs. Ontario Engineering College;
Dec. 31, Dartmouth vs. Massachusetts Institute.

Jan. 2—B. A. A. vs. Princeton; Jan. 5,
Harvard vs. Cornell;
Harvard vs. Johns University; Jan. 9, Harvard
vs. Cornell; Jan. 12, Princeton vs. Har-
vard; Jan. 17, Princeton vs. Harvard;
New York University; Jan. 20, Harvard vs. Dartmouth;
Dartmouth vs. Harvard; Princeton vs. Har-
vard vs. Amherst;
Feb. 3, Harvard vs. Massachusetts Angles;

Feb. 9, Harvard vs. McGill.

Miles to Lead Navy.
ANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—The Naval Academy football team has named Arthur C. Miles of Colorado captain of the football team for next season.

Theatres.

CORT DIRECTOR JOHN CORT XMAS DAY NAT., 25c to \$1.50 OLIVER MORRISON Presents Peg O' My Heart By J. HARTLEY MANNERS	TONIGHT 8:15 NATS. WED. & SAT. 2:15
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Prices 10c, 20c, 25c

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Countrymen 10 A. M.
to 10:20 P. M.
4th Episode "Master Key" Tonight.
Clara Kimball Young in "Lois."
SCOLLAY OLYMPIA Con. 9:50 A. M.
SQUARE to 10:20 P. M.
ROYAL SUNSETTITE
15—Variety Features—15

Best Vaudeville and Photo Plays. Whitney's
Operatic Duo. Clayton and Leslie. Mrs.
Lottie James. Co. Hirschel Handler. Other Vaudeville Features.

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The Criminal. Sensational Dramatic. Sarah-
Other VAUDEVILLE FEATURES

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INDOOR SPORTS



HANOVER, N. H., Dec. 15.—The first ski and snowshoe meet ever held by any college in the United States is slated by Dartmouth on February 13, and invitations have been sent to all of the colleges in New England, New York State and Eastern Canada.

The meet will be under the management of the Outing Club and will

The program opens with the senior reception and dance in the Commons on the evening of February 18.

On Thursday afternoon the hockey team meets the fast Canadian team from Bishop's College.

The final evening of the carnival will be taken up by the league basketball game with Yale, which will be followed by a concert given by the choir.

Buffalo Federals Lead in the Field

Following are the leaders among the regulars in their respective positions: First base, Carr, Indianapolis, .962; second base, Knabe, Baltimore, .962; third base, Westerland, Brooklyn, .956; shortstop, Tinker, Chicago, .947; pitcher, Kaeslering, Indianapolis, 1.000; catcher, Jacklin

**Colby Relay Team
Showing Up Fast**

Colby is looking forward to the indoor track season to start, as the prospects look bright with the following men to pick a relay team from: Wood, Howard, Slack, Forrell, Cook and Ervin Howe from the

New Lafayette Coach.
EASTON, Pa., Dec. 15.—Lafayette has secured the services of Joe Fogarty, captain of the De Neri basketball team in the Eastern League, to coach the five here.

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BOSTON AMERICAN

NO. AND 12 SUMMER ST., BOSTON, DEC. 15, 1914.

Strict Discipline and Ceaseless Drilling—What Do They Amount to in War?

Something, But Not Everything. Well Drilled Geese or Sheep Are ONLY Geese or Sheep

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Each of the nations boasts of its army and navy "discipline." Each is proud of the drilling that soldiers and sailors have had. Each tells you that its men will obey any order, march against any cannon or any danger, and each to some extent depends upon that wonderful "discipline" for victory.

It should be remembered, however, that discipline and training are not everything. They are admirable, but they are not all that there is in war.

Once a thin, young man, with a high forehead, short legs, a white, sick-looking face, afflicted with the "itch," not very tidy, NOT AT ALL DISCIPLINED, gathered together a crew of undisciplined men in France and marched them down to Italy to attack Austria.

That young man with the itch was named Napoleon. And the men that followed him were the beginning of the greatest army that the world has seen since the days of Alexander, Lucius and Caesar.

Napoleon didn't have very much discipline in that army—but he marched proudly through everything that he met. He had something more than discipline—he had THE DETERMINATION TO WIN, AND INDIVIDUAL THINKING POWER IN EACH MAN.

Discipline is a good thing against the SAME KIND of men LACKING discipline.

But discipline against BETTER men without the discipline does not amount to much.

Take a collection of sheep, discipline them, train them, get them to obey every order—and you will find some wild goat break up their ranks—although the wild goat knows nothing about discipline or obeying orders.

Take the most admirably disciplined chorus of young ladies that Mr. Ziegfeld ever got together. They may march, wheel, pirouette and do wonderful things—MARVELOUS DISCIPLINE. But an undisciplined laundress, made angry by a hot stove, with little knowledge of the rules of war, could probably dispose of fifteen of the best disciplined young ladies that Mr. Ziegfeld ever drilled on or off the stage.

And so it is in war. The well disciplined sheep is ONLY a sheep when the fighting begins.

And the well disciplined goose is only a goose when the hawk comes sweeping along the horizon.

Victory goes TO INTELLIGENCE, and when you ask yourself, "Who will win?" ask yourself also, "WHO HAS THE BEST BRAIN?" For it is the best brain, not the most carefully drilled sets of legs, that wins in war and in other pursuits.

All Legitimate Campaign Expenses Should Be Paid by the State

The publication of the contributions by Democratic officials to the Democratic campaign fund reminds the people of a practice necessitated by the failure of our law properly to provide the necessary campaign expenses of the great political parties.

It has been the practice for years of officeholders to contribute to the campaign fund of their respective parties. The practice was not different this year from other years except that Governor Walsh insisted that an honest return of all the contributions should be made.

From every point of view, however, this practice is bad and only less evil than the habit of accepting campaign contributions from the corporations and special interests.

The remedy is clear and simple. We should provide for the LEGITIMATE expenses of our candidates out of the public money. The LEGITIMATE expense of a campaign is nothing more than the legitimate effort to inform the voters concerning the facts and issues of the campaign. This information is necessary to the voters in order that they may render wise decisions on election day.

We spent last year more than twenty million dollars in educating our children in order to make them the wise rulers of our Commonwealth. It is absurd to make such a sacrifice to prepare the general intelligence of the community for a proper understanding of the political, social and economic facts, which ought to decide an election, and yet to withhold from the people the necessary information upon which their decision must be made.

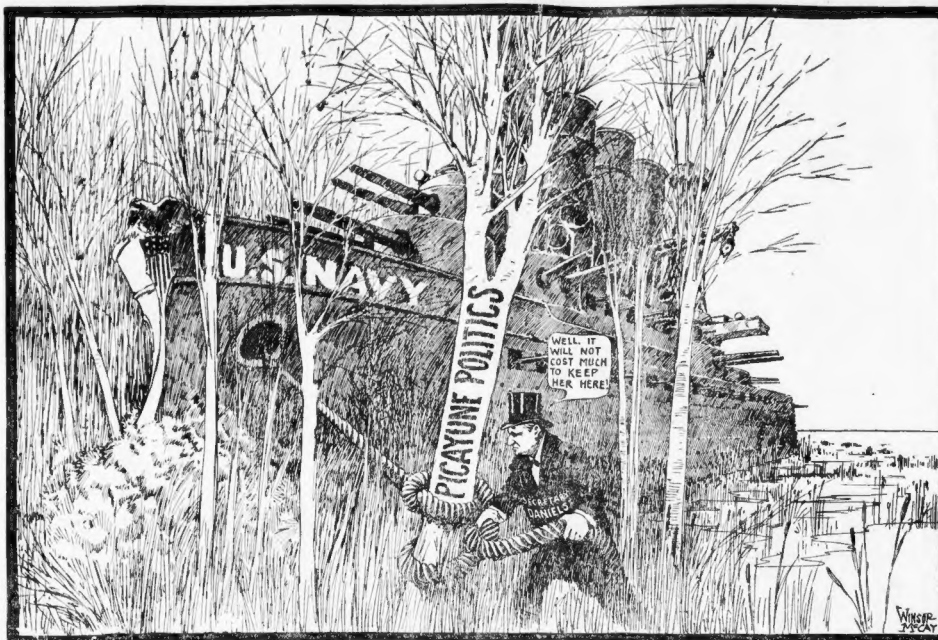
The proposition to pay the legitimate campaign expenses of candidates has been opposed on the ground of its expense, but the expense is trifling compared with the importance of the results; AND THE EXPENSE IS ALWAYS PAID ANYWAY. If it is not paid by the general public, then it is paid by private persons or corporations who have some interest in placing the candidates under obligation, and ultimately the people are made to pay many times over the cost of these elections through the improper control which private individuals with private axes to grind exercise over the elected candidates through campaign contributions.

The AMERICAN hopes this year to see an amendment of the corrupt practice law which will provide that the State should pay the legitimate expenses of our political campaigns. Opposition to this reform comes from the corporation and special interests who want their contributions to remain invaluable in order to maintain their own influence over the public officials.

Saving the Pennies!

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Supposing the Nation IS Left Defenceless. Men to Man Our Ships Would Cost Money, and Secretary Daniels Is Determined on Economy



Inklings and Thinkings By WEX JONES



A Tragic Scene in Turkey

Marry in haste and repent at leisure, but Shop late and repent in a hurry.

Shapiro in letter describing George Bernard Shaw made the author call him "an intellectual ass" instead of "an intellectual asset." Yes, we feel just as you do about it.

"Forty warships gather to battle off"—The censor is a tantalizing case.

Skunk is boosted by Department of Agriculture as a foe to caterpillars. No good; we'd sooner have the caterpillars.

Life's mysteries: Woolen socks.

Girl in magazine story carried a pearl as a talisman. Asked why she carried such a valuable object about with her, she replied, "One does not leave such talismans at home." Evidently talismans belong to the same family as muskies.

Trenton, N. J., is to have a special teacher for whipping unruly boys. Won't find any of the pupils asleep at the switch.

Georgia has sent thousands of miles to the war zone in France. The army that swore so terribly in Florida will now be robbed of its laurels.

Announcement that Mexico now has stable government is greeted with horse laugh.

"Give a Basket" and Help the AMERICAN'S Christmas Fund

How the money is rolling in for the AMERICAN'S "Give a Basket" Christmas Fund! But every cent is needed, for every mail brings scores of pathetic appeals for Christmas baskets from poor families of Greater Boston. Every cent given goes into the baskets—all expenses of distribution are borne by the AMERICAN.

All checks or contributions should be sent to the Christmas Fund Editor, Boston American, No. 100 Summer Street.

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Contributions of clothing, books, toys and baskets or contributions of food should be sent to the Christmas Basket Department, Boston American, No. 5 Westbury Square, Boston.

The Wail of the Lawmaker By JAMES J. MONTAGUE

Congressmen who have been dodging the prohibition issue for years have got to come out from under cover and take a stand on it this month.

If I decide that I will cast

A prohibition vote

The boys that helped me in the past

Will all be at my throat.

And if I vote the other way,

I've not the slightest doubt

The crowd I hoped to land some day

Will help to throw me out.

I USED to hear the demon rum

In districts that were dry

And say the day would surely come

When he would gasp and die.

And to the gashouse gentlemen

I'd shout with fervent zest:

"A little whiskey now and then

Puts hair upon the chest!"

BUT now they've got me up a tree.

For I must take the floor

And, while both sides are watching,

State which side I am for.

I tell you I'm almighty blue

About the fix I'm in.

Gee whizz! I sure do wish I knew

Which side was going to win!

LETTERS FROM AMERICAN READERS

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

Dear Sir—Your recent editorial advocating early Christmas shopping should be appreciated by all store employees, and I sincerely hope that the public will respond to your humane request.

May I also mention the fact that every purchase made on a holiday has a very strong tendency to prevent the stores from closing on future ones, and that by buying at night, in any season, increases the hours of labor.

CONSTANT READER.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Editor BOSTON AMERICAN:

Dear Sir—I think that there is plenty of room right here at home for a little charity without sending it all over to Europe. Also a word or two in regard to the pictures in your paper entitled "Two Ways of Spending Christmas." I think it is a very good way of reminding people that the price of a cigar or a drink will make many a poor child happy.

P. A. J.

Governor Walsh Shows Good Judgment in Appointments

The Governor has made many important appointments recently and nearly all are the best possible selections.

The new House Council, in the distinction of its members will be the most distinguished health board in the country.

In raising Judge Pierce to the Supreme Bench, the Governor chose a man whom the Bar has long recognized as one of the ablest judges of the Superior Court.

James E. Carroll, whom the Governor has appointed to succeed Judge Pierce, has been sought on behalf of the State for the Superior Court by several Governors, and it is fortunate for Massachusetts that Mr. Carroll has consented at last to serve.

The protest of organized labor in the State against his withdrawing from the Industrial Accident Board, because he has rendered such exceptional service to the workmen on that board, is the highest kind of tribute to Mr. Carroll's public service.

The appointment of John J. Hogan of Lowell to the Civil Service Commission places on that board an able man.

The Governor's batting average, therefore, is good.

Common Sense Girls

By MRS. FRANK LEARNED

When a light-emitting body

swiftly approaches the eye the

light waves are, in a sense, crowded

together, and the result is a

shift in the spectrum toward the

violet end. If the body is receding

the rays are drawn out and there

is a spectral shift toward the red

end. If the body is rotating on an

axis placed at right angles to the

line of sight the light from the

side of the body that is rolling

toward the eye is shifted toward the

violet, while that from the side

that is rolling away is shifted

toward the red. The amount of this

double shift is measurable if the

rotation is sufficiently rapid, and

taken in connection with the

known speed of light, it gives

means of calculating the velocity

of the rotation.

This method has been applied in

measuring the rotation of the sun,

of the planet Jupiter, of the rings

of Saturn, and of other similar

bodies. The Arizona observers tried

it upon a nebula whose form (that

of a long spindle) suggested that it

was a spiral in rapid rotation, like

the wheel, with its axis lying across

the line of sight.

The result justified the experiment.

The spectral lines were shifted in opposite directions at the

two ends of the nebular spindle,

and the amount of the shift gave

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Great Mysteries of Science

By a Very Wonderful Operation the Rate of Rotation of the Great Spiral Nebulae Has Just Been Disclosed, but They Are Yet Mysteries

By GARRETT P. SERVISS

We are living in a very petty part of the universe! Our immediate surroundings—sun, moon, planets—are of a secondary grade. The solar system is small, and placed in a relatively barren region of space. There is no sun cluster near us, and the galaxy, with its wreath of stars, is remote, so that we can only glimpse faintly the far-away story of the billion spheres, like the glimmering reflection on the night sky of a distant metropolis.

Every fresh discovery in astronomy strengthens the impression of our loneliness and comparative insignificance in the great creation. New suns and new flocks of worlds are not being born in our neighborhood, but afar off, beyond the horizon of the light-years. The mighty spiral nebulae whirl their trillion-legged arms, and scatter broadcast the flaming seeds of new stellar systems, deep in the profundities that engulf us as the ocean engulfs a sand-grain.

Yet even here we redeem our physical littleness by that spark of universal intelligence which enables us to appreciate our real situation, and to aspire to some degree of comprehension of the vast material systems about us. Astronomy teaches us that we are exceedingly small, but nevertheless akin to the greatest. The power of this has been repeated by the discovery made at the Lowell Observatory in Arizona.

The spiral nebulae are so far away that none of our methods of measurement can get a sure grasp upon their distance, and yet, in spite of this, the astronomers in Arizona succeeded not only in ascertaining that those immense aggregations of strangely organized matter are in rotation, but even in ascertaining, in one case at least, the speed of the rotation.

They have found out that such a nebula in the constellation Virgo is whirling about an axis at the rate of a thousand kilometers (more than 500 miles) per second! But so vast is the nebular mass (although it is a mere wisp of faint light in a powerful telescope) that a point on its circumference, travelling fifty million miles a day, may not complete a single revolution in a thousand years!

The manner in which this discovery was made, although already applied to other problems, is an astonishing evidence of the reach of the human mind. The waves of light, were compelled to yield the secret. The process was, in brief, as follows:

When a light-emitting body swiftly approaches the eye the light waves are, in a sense, crowded together, and the result is a shift in the spectrum toward the violet end. If the body is receding the rays are drawn out and there is a spectral shift toward the red end. If the body is rotating on an axis placed at right angles to the line of sight the light from the side of the body that is rolling toward the eye is shifted toward the violet, while that from the side that is rolling away is shifted toward the red. The amount of this double shift is measurable if the rotation is sufficiently rapid, and taken in connection with the known speed of light, it gives means of calculating the velocity of the rotation.

This method has been applied in measuring the rotation of the sun, of the planet Jupiter, of the rings of Saturn, and of other similar bodies. The Arizona observers tried it upon a nebula whose form (that of a long spindle) suggested that it was a spiral in rapid rotation, like the wheel, with its axis lying across the line of sight.

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In-Shoots

The peanut politician always gets roasted.

It is seldom that a man can tell his own fish story twice alike.

It is often easier to deliver the goods than to collect the pay for the sale.

In trying to reach man's heart through the stomach some women find that it is possible to offend the stomach.